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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

FROM THE TOP: Field Day, June 27 - 28!!!!.

The June 17 meeting will be in McDougal Hall at SDC

This month we will finalize details for Field Day, June 27 - 28. If you want to work HF, Field Day is a great event to get hands on experience. There are people who can provide assistance on operating and you can try different equipment. This year we are going to try and setup a computer network for computer logging for the contest. If nothing else, it should be really entertaining to watch as we try to get everything to work. What do you mean the tower is leaning??? **The VOMARC Field Day operation will be at Camp Via, above the Sonoma Development Center.** Stop by and say hi and if you have time, stay a while and make a few contacts and have a few laughs. We will be monitoring the 145.350 Repeater for visitors that want to get up the hill.

I came across an interesting website listed in the ARRL Propagation Bulletin: http://psk.gladstonefamily.net/pskmap.html This site lists PSK monitoring stations and what those stations have heard. It is a good way to see current conditions.

I just got back from vacation, and the first article I see in CQ magazine is how to travel with your radio. Just my luck it came out a month too late. Traveling with a handheld is easy. If you are in the US or Canada just get a list of repeaters off the internet or the ARRL Repeater Guide and stay on the air. APRS has a lot of possibilities when you travel, including being able to send short emails. Outside the US and Canada you will need to check on reciprocal licensing agreements that are in place with most countries.

VOMARC is sponsoring a Weekend Tech class June 20 - 21. This is a great way to get your license. If you know anyone who is interested please let them know. There is a flyer about the class on the VOMARC website at: http://www.vomarc.org/wanted.pdf

The Sonoma Valley ACS helped out with the Hit the Road Jack running event in Sonoma. It was a great day for the run and I added to my t-shirt collection. The next ACS event will be the Fourth of July parade. This is a fun event. KG6QNT is coordinating the communications for the event. Let her know if you are interested and come to the parade.

We still need a net control station for the VOMARC Wednesday night net for August. Let me know if you are interested.

Hope to hear you on the air and see you at the meeting.

Minutes May 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Eileen KG6QNT. There were 9 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: We have $3,318.51 in the bank. There are still some outstanding bills from Hamfest.

Old Business:

Hit the Road Jack (6/17): Three people have volunteered. Ken will be the lead person.
Ham Class (6/21 and 22): We have one sign-up.

High School: There was a meeting scheduled for last Friday, but no one showed up.

Light House event (August): we are considering setting up a station at the Coast Guard boathouse because it has a clear shot to the east.

New Business: If anyone wants a 30-foot tower for free, call Don Taylor 938-4492. Marty KI6RTP spoke on his experiences as a Coast Guard search and rescue pilot in Kodiak, Alaska.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen KG6QNT

2009 VOMARC

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2009 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Marty KI6RTP, 20829 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**